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Mitchell National Guard unit conducts field training

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Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard's Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion participated in a field training exercise near Sioux Falls, May 1-3, to prepare for their annual training in July at Camp Ripley, Minnesota.

The Mitchell-based Company B provides maintenance on wheeled vehicles, generators, air-conditioning units and provides vehicle recovery support to the 139th Battalion and its higher headquarters the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

The unit trained at the Sweetman Training Area and conducted convoy operations and vehicle recovery support. A section of Company B Soldiers also performed as a quick reaction force supporting the convoy and recovery operations teams.

The QRF team provides security to the recovery team while they perform recovery operations on disabled vehicles. They also provide security to medical evacuation teams to ensure safe movement of medical vehicles.

Members of the unit also conducted their yearly weapons qualifications during this month's training.

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High resolution photos are available upon request.



150501-Z-ZZ999-001: U.S. Army Spec. Robert Phillips and Spec. Christopher Murray, both with the South Dakota Army National Guard's Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, work on their recovery vehicle as they prepare to tow a disabled vehicle during a field training exercise near Sioux Falls, S.D., May 1, 2015. (U.S. Army National Guard photo/Released)



150501-Z-ZZ999-002: Recovery specialists from the South Dakota Army National Guard's Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion work on hooking up a disabled vehicle in order to move it to a safe area during a field training exercise near Sioux Falls, S.D., May 1, 2015. (U.S. Army National Guard photo/Released)



150501-Z-ZZ999-003: Recovery specialists from the South Dakota Army National Guard's Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion work on hooking up a disabled vehicle in order to move it to a safe area during a field training exercise near Sioux Falls, S.D., May 1, 2015. (U.S. Army National Guard photo/Released)

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